

MCA TEST ADMINISTRATOR - "CHANGING OF THE GUARD"



**Chuck Micele -
Vice President, 2003 - '06,
Retiring Test Administrator**

I was born in Hammond, LA, and grew up in New Orleans where I attended Catholic and Public school prior to entering the Navy in 1952. Most of my career was involved in Submarines and Diving. As a retired Officer, I enjoy all of the benefits earned along with my former shipmates all over the USA, many of whom visit me at MCA shows. My wife is deceased; however, I enjoy my five children, their spouses, and the nine grandchildren and their spouses. Best of all are the five great grandchildren, ranging in age from six months to six years.

Everyone knows I dearly love the car hobby and strongly stress that it should be fun! I am a certified judge for 1964 1/2-'66 Daily & Occasional Driven and a Gold Card for Modified in all years. Would you believe that I own seven Mustangs: Four '65's (1 Convertible; 1 Fastback, & 2 Coupes—1 V6, 1 V-8), an '84 (track car); and an '88 (rain car)? I added a '05 GT to my stable (as if I don't have enough) which has nearly 40K exciting mile on it already. Imagine a senior, of my tender age, getting a kick when I fire it up and pop the clutch. I cruise to Kansas, Ohio, Illinois, Massachusetts, or an MCA meeting in Arizona. Driving a Mustang is more than half the fun, whether a '65 or an '05.

So much for my background! We all know there is a beginning and an end to everything we do. Well, this is the ending of what I consider one of my greatest challenges and accomplishments for MCA (there were others, membership, annual meetings, etc.). The administering of the judging program enjoys very special feelings. When I was elected Vice President of MCA, I took on the challenge of fine tuning the "Judging Program." By anyone's standards, the program was in dire straights and needed some attention. I met stiff head winds from some of the older judging community. They felt that I was delving into their private domain and nothing was further from my intention. My plan, all along, was to even the playing field for all. I feel that have accomplished my goal and am particularly pleased to see that a central administrator will continue.

During the past four years, I have issued 463 tests for various classes, certified 275 new judges, and re-certified 40 judges. There are still many tests that haven't been returned, so those of you that have requested tests and have not completed them; you need to finish what you started, (judging is fun, too, and a big part of this hobby) and send them to my successor, Joe Odine.

—Chuck Micele



**Joe Odine - Board
Member, 5th Generation
Asst. Chief Judge and
New Test Administrator**

Hi! I started with MCA in August 2003. Although I'm sort of a newcomer in the Mustang world, it certainly doesn't dampen my enthusiasm... I just

purchased a 2003 Mustang GT Convertible which actually was my first Mustang. The bug got to me and I now have a brand new 2007 GT/CS California Special with all of the documentation (even in-house factory paper work on this car, which doesn't normally go to the buyer). Actually, my wife owns the car, but that's OK because it's all in the family.

I fell in love with my '03 and that started me to going to all of the National shows as my work schedule would allow. I started judging at the 40th anniversary show and really liked it very much. Every show since, I have volunteered to perform judging duties.

At the Youngstown, OH, Grand National show, I worked on the Classification line. It proved to be extremely enjoyable as I got to meet many Mustangers that I would have never met.

In 2005, I decided to run for a position on the Board of Directors and was pleased to be elected. This year, I was appointed Assistant National Head Judge for the new 5th Generation. I have now volunteered to be the new MCA Test Administrator. Anyone who wants to become an MCA Certified Judge, please contact me at the following address: Joe Odine 3595 19th St. Wyandotte, MI 48192; or Email at MCA56060@wyan.org. Importantly, when applying for a particular test, please furnish your full name, address, phone #, MCA #, and the particular class in which you desire to be certified for judging. We have a great program and I will strive to make it even faster and continue to carry on as my predecessor has demonstrated. You can ask for me at most National shows and I will be pleased to meet you.

—Joe Odine

Note: On behalf of MCA the entire staff of the Judging Team, we wish to sincerely thank Chuck Micele for the outstanding job that he has done as Test Administrator during the past four years. We also wish Joe Odine the same continued success.

—Wally Short
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